

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed May 9, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

The Examiner issued a Final Action on February 23, 2006. Applicant submitted a Response to Examiner's Final Action on April 24, 2006. The Examiner issued an Advisory Action on May 9, 2006 stating that the Response to Examiner's Final Action would not be entered because the Response to Examiner's Final Action was not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and did not place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of this Application so that the Response to Examiner's Final Action can be entered and considered by the Examiner pursuant to this Request for Continued Examination. For the convenience of the Examiner, the amendments made to the claims in the Response to Examiner's Final Action and the accompanying comments are repeated herein as well as addressing other issues raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1-10 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not disclosed in the specification. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Support for the central processing unit having an integrated memory controller is clearly provided in FIGURE 2. FIGURE 2 is a detailed view of central processing unit 20. Memory controller 30 is clearly shown to be within central processing unit 20. Applicant's specification at page 7, lines 5-7, particularly disclose that these components are integrated into a single device. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-10 and 16-20 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-10 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As pointed out above, FIGURE 2 and Applicant's specification provide ample support for the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-10 and 16-20 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kabemoto, et al. Independent Claim 1 recites ". . . each processor including an integrated memory operable to provide/receive/store data, each processor including a central processing unit with an integrated memory controller operable to control access to the integrated memory and an integrated memory directory operable to maintain a plurality of memory references to data within the integrated memory . . ." By contrast, the Kabemoto, et al. patent shows processor and cache units separate from each other and a separate memory control module. Moreover, a directory memory is disclosed as being separate and apart from the processor. The Examiner seems to refer to processor element 14-1 of the Kabemoto, et al. patent in stating that each component of the claimed invention is found therein but has not shown how the processor 16-1 itself includes each component of the processor of the claimed invention. The processor element 14-1 of the Kabemoto, et al. patent includes a processor 16-1, a cache unit 18-1, and a snoop unit 20-1. The Examiner shows that the processor 16-1 of the Kabemoto, et al. patent includes a memory 36 and 38 but readily admits that a memory controller 35 and a memory directory 40 of the Kabemoto, et al. patent are not included in its processor 16-1 by showing that the memory controller 35 and the memory directory 40 are in the cache unit 18-1 which is separate and apart from the processor 16-1. As a result, the processor of the Kabemoto, et al.

patent does not include the resources and functionality of the processor in the claimed invention. Thus, the Kabemoto, et al. patent does not have a processor that includes an integrated memory and a central processing unit with an integrated memory controller and an integrated memory directory as provided by the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 2, and 4-20 are not anticipated by the Kabemoto, et al. patent.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-11, and 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chase, et al. Independent Claim 1 recites ". . . each processor including an integrated memory operable to provide/receive/store data, each processor including a central processing unit with an integrated memory controller operable to control access to the integrated memory and an integrated memory directory operable to maintain a plurality of memory references to data within the integrated memory . . ." By contrast, the station 12 of the Chase, et al. patent equated by the Examiner as the claimed processor shows a processor 18 and a storage 21 with a cache 20 separate and apart from its processor 18. Thus, the storage 21 and cache 20 of the Chase, et al. patent are not integrated within its processor 18 as would be required by the claimed invention. Therefore, the Examiner has failed to show how the Chase, et al. patent has a processor with an integrated memory when the Chase, et al. patent specifically shows a separate processor 18 and a separate storage 20 that is not included within the processor 18.

The Chase, et al. patent expressly discloses a cache directory 16 in a directory server 17 that is separate and apart from station 12 and its processor 18 and storage 21. The Chase, et al. patent clearly discloses the use of a cache directory 16 in a server 17 separate and remote from any of

its stations 12 for use with cache 20 within station 12. The Chase, et al. patent clearly teaches away from any use of a directory within its station 12 and being integrated with its processor 18 let alone being integrated within a central processing unit as required by the claimed invention. Thus, the memory directory of the Chase, et al, patent is not integrated in a central processing unit of a processor as required by the claimed invention. In fact, the memory directory 16 is disclosed in the Chase, et al. patent as also being separate from a processor 18 within its directory server 17.

Further, the Chase, et al. patent provides no mention of a memory controller within station 12 or processor 18 let alone any integration of a memory controller within its processor 18. All of the portions of the Chase, et al. patent cited by the Examiner clearly show a memory controller being separate and apart from its corresponding processor. Thus, not only does the Chase, et al. patent fail to show a local memory integrated within a processor and a memory controller integrated within a central processing unit of a processor, there is also no support in the Chase, et al. patent for a memory directory also integrated in the central processing unit as required by the claimed invention.

Applicant's specification specifically shows that the term 'integrated' defines these elements as being within a single device, the processor. The Chase, et al. patent teaches away from this integration by having all of the claimed elements in separate devices. The processor of the Chase, et al. patent does not include the resources and functionality of the processor or the central processing unit in the claimed invention. As a result, the Examiner has not provided any teaching within the Chase, et al. patent to

support the rejection of the claims. Thus, without a reference that discloses each and every limitation or a reference combinable with the Chase, et al. patent to support a rejection, the Chase, et al. patent by itself is insufficient to support a rejection of the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 5, and 7-10 are not anticipated by the Chase, et al. patent.

Claims 3, 10, 18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chase, et al. Claim 1, from which Claims 3 and 10 depend, and Independent Claim 16, from which Claims 18 and 20 depend, have been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Chase, et al. patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3, 10, 18, and 20 are patentably distinct from the Chase, et al. patent.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kabemoto, et al. Claim 1, from which Claim 3 depends, has been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Kabemoto, et al. patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 3 is patentably distinct from the Kabemoto, et al. patent.

Applicant has shown above how the cited art fails to support a rejection of the claims. However, the Examiner continues to provide an improper omnibus rejection of the claims in contradiction to M.P.E.P. §707.07(d), making it difficult to understand the Examiner's position. The Examiner merely directs Applicant to specific portions of the cited art but fails to show how the specific portions of the cited art meet the terms of the claims. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide a complete and proper analysis of the claims by showing how each and every limitation of each and every claim is possibly met by the prior art.

The drawings stand objected under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) for not including reference signs mentioned in the specification. FIGURE 2, in conjunction with FIGURE 1, includes the appropriate reference signs mentioned in Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5).

The drawings stand objected under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) for including reference signs not mentioned in the specification. Applicant's specification has been amended to be consistent with FIGURE 2. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5).

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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